

REMARKS

The Office imposed a Restriction Requirement in the July 10, 2007 Office Action and determined that the present single invention included 28 distinct and patentable inventions. Thus, applicants are entitled to file 27 additional applications and further the Office is not allowed to require applicants to file terminal disclaimers between the inventions.

Applicants elect Group 1 and when the claims of Group 1 are found allowable, applicants request that the claims reciting a method of making and use as set forth in Groups 23 and 24 be rejoined. It is well settled in the law that when the products are found allowable that all methods of making and using such products can be rejoined for examination. Applicants will amend such method claims during the prosecution stage.

Applicants request that the subject matter of claims 19 and 37 be included in the initial examination because clearly, if the product of claim 1 is patentable, then the addition of a peptide to the maleimide structure is also patentable.

Sequence Listings

The present specification includes sequence listings, and as such, applicants include herewith a paper copy and text file of the sequence listings. Further, applicants amended the specification accordingly and have attached a Statement of Identity in Appendix B.

New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants have included herewith (Appendix A) an executed Power of Attorney form that revokes the previously filed Power of Attorney and appoints new representation with a new Attorney Docket Number 014835-187.02-002. Further, applicants requested a Change of Correspondence, so that all communications from the USPTO will be sent to the following contact and address:

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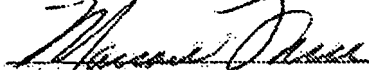
Petition for Extension and Fees Payable

Applicants petition for a one month extension to extend the response due date of August 10, 2007 to September 10, 2007 and the fee of \$60.00 is being herewith by electronic transfer. If any additional fee is found due the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee and any additional fee found due for entry of this amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4365 of Moore & Van Allen.

Conclusion

The applicants believe this response to the Office Action fully addresses the issues raised by the Examiner Lewis, and places the claim in a form for allowance. If any issues remain outstanding incident to the allowance of the application, Examiner Lewis is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 286-8089.

Respectfully submitted,



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